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Rajeev Joshi, Greg Nelson, Keith Randall

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This paper provides a preliminary report on a new research project that aims to construct a code generator that uses an automatic theorem prover to produce very high-quality (in fact, nearly mathematically optimal) machine code for modern architectures. The code generator is not intended for use in an ordinary compiler, but is intended to be used for inner loops and critical subroutines in those cases where peak performance is required, no available compiler generates adequately efficient code, ...

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Object management systems have been identified as the core of object-oriented software development environments. One of the most important objectives of object management systems is to maintain consistency between the vast amount of interrelated objects, which is generated, accessed, and manipulated throughout the software life cycle. Consistency management in such systems is beyond the reach of conventional database technology due to the complex structure and the incompleteness of data, th ...

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The LOCKSS project has developed and deployed in a world-wide test a peer-to-peer system for preserving access to journals and other archival information published on the Web. It consists of a large number of independent, low-cost, persistent Web caches that cooperate to detect and repair damage to their content by voting in "opinion polls." Based on this experience, we present a design for and simulations of a novel protocol for voting in systems of this kind. It incorporates rate l ...

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Michael R. Donat

November 1995 **Proceedings of the 1995 conference of the Centre for Advanced Studies on Collaborative research**

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A refinement calculus is a mathematical technique that provides a mechanism for rigorously transforming specifications into executable programs in a step-wise manner. A by-product of this technique is a formal proof of correctness of both the implementation and the design. These step-wise and rigorous aspects make this an attractive method for reducing software development costs and mitigating risk. The cleanroom technique has been quite successful as a development method [4]. However, it does no ...

6 Building knowledge base management systems

John Mylopoulos, Vinay Chaudhri, Dimitris Plexousakis, Adel Shrufi, Thodoros Topologlou

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Advanced applications in fields such as CAD, software engineering, real-time process control, corporate repositories and digital libraries require the construction, efficient access and management of large, shared knowledge bases. Such knowledge bases cannot be built using existing tools such as expert system shells, because these do not scale up, nor can they be built in terms of existing database technology, because such technology does not support the rich representational structure and infer ...

Keywords: Concurrency control, Constraint enforcement, Knowledge base management systems, Rule management, Storage management

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Symbolic evaluation is the execution of software and software designs on inputs given as symbolic or explicit constants along with constraints on these inputs. Efficient symbolic evaluation is now feasible due to recent advances in efficient decision procedures and symbolic model checking. Symbolic evaluation can be applied to partially implemented descriptions and provides wider coverage and greater assurance than testing and traditional

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Arnon Rosenthal, David Reiner

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We describe the tools and theory of a comprehensive system for database design, and show how they work together to support multiple conceptual and logical design processes. The Database Design and Evaluation Workbench (DDEW) system uses a rigorous, information-content-preserving approach to schema transformation, but combines it with heuristics, guess work, and user interactions. The main contribution lies in illustrating how theory was adapted to a practical system, and how the consistency ...

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In data dominated applications, like multi-media and telecom applications, data storage and transfers are the most important factors in terms of energy consumption, area and system performance. Several steps which optimize these costs are present in our systematic Data Transfer and Storage Exploration methodology. In the important step discussed in this paper, the cycle budget available for background storage transfers is globally distributed over the application's memory accesses that are typic ...

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In contrast to current design practice for (programmable) processor mapping, which mainly targets performance, we focus on a systematic trade-off between cycle budget and energy consumed in the background memory organization. The latter is a crucial component in many of todays designs, including multi-media, network protocols and telecom signal processing. We have a systematic way and tool to explore both freedoms and to arrive at Pareto charts, in which for a given application the lowest ...

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We present a framework for the development of information systems based on the premise that the knowledge that influences the development process needs to somehow be captured, represented, and managed if the development process is to be rationalized. Experiences with a prototype environment developed in ESPRIT project DAIDA demonstrate the approach. The project has implemented an environment based on state-of-the-art languages for requirements modeling, design and implementation of informat ...

Keywords: knowledge engineering, mapping assistant, multi-level specification, repository, software information system, software process model

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Modeling and analysis is indispensable in engineering. To be safe and effective, a modeling method requires a language with a validated semantics; feature-rich, easy-to-use, dependable tools; and low engineering costs. Today we lack adequate means to develop such methods. We present a partial solution combining two techniques: formal methods for language design, and package-oriented programming for function and usability at low cost. We have evaluated the approach in an end-to-end experiment. We ...

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We study here automated deduction in databases in the presence of various types of inference rules of the form of Horn Clauses with Skolem functions. These inference rules are typical for databases with incomplete information. We demonstrate a number of results related to processing of conjunctive queries for different types of database intensions. In particular, we show that when a database intension is built from possibly cyclic inclusion dependencies and view definitions any conjunctive ...

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Many approaches have been proposed for digital system verification, either based on simulation strategies or on formal verification techniques. Both of them show advantages and drawbacks and new mixed approaches have been presented in order to improve the verification process. Specifically, the adoption of formal methods still lacks a coverage metrics to let the verification engineer get a measure of which portion of the circuit is already covered by the written properties that far and which par ...

Keywords: error coverage, error simulation, property checking

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Kevin Sullivan, Jinlin Yang, David Coppit, Sarfraz Khurshid, Daniel Jackson

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The contribution of this paper is an experiment that shows the potential value of a combination of selective reverse engineering to formal specifications and bounded exhaustive testing to improve the assurance levels of complex software. A key problem is to scale up test input generation so that meaningful results can be obtained. We present an approach, using Alloy and TestEra for test input generation, which we evaluate by experimental application to the Galileo dynamic fault tree analysis too ...

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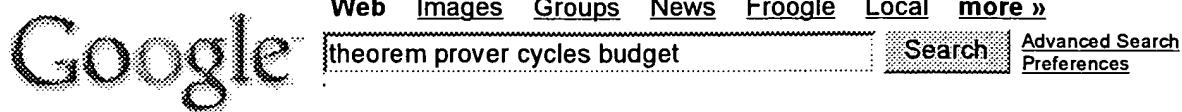
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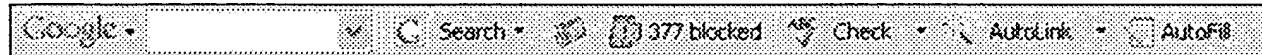
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